

Joseph Battell

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Mr Braided

Dear Sir

I enclose
copy of letter I have just sent
Hedart as one of the band of
select men, so that you can
consult with them on the
matter, and explain the
nature of Franklin's authority
&c. -

I think there is no question
that the architect employed
by Clinton was worked thru out
correct. Howlin I saw one copy
from him, what I state in this
letter. Under all the circum-
stances I don't think the town
ought to hesitate an instant
I have been informed direct

from Columbus Smith that of the
3 arch bridge is attended there
will be trouble; if the two arch
then, will be some than the
feared and opposition will be
based upon the fact that the
logon by expending a few hun-
dred dollars more could build
a better bridge and one entirely
safe & agreeable to all parties. Of course
the expense of a few feet might be
not a great one, \$500 to \$600.
but the annoyance from stoppage
of the work would be very
great. I was opposed of opposition
could succeed in stopping a stone
bridge but it might succeed in an
order that the bridge should be of
two arches in stages & there. However
I have notified Houston to order the
stone at once as the board should
decide. I have had some good workmen
in logging up information &c. to get
to the National Congress and figure to Caliph
& and America. I wish you were with me
Very truly
Your friend
B. B. B. B.